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SENATE BILL NO. 77

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on February 8, 2018)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Senators Sturtevant and Suetterlein [SB 107])

A BILL to amend and reenact § 23.1-905.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to dual enrollment courses; quality standards; universal transfer course credit.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 23.1-905.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 23.1-905.1. Dual enrollment courses; quality standards; universal transfer course credit.

A. The Council, in consultation with the Department of Education and each public institution of higher education, shall establish (i) quality standards for dual enrollment courses, including quality standards for course instructors, materials, and content, and (ii) a process by which dual enrollment courses that meet or exceed such quality standards are certified as universal transfer courses. Each universal transfer course shall satisfy course credit or other academic requirements at any public institution of higher education.

B. The Council, in consultation with the Department of Education and each public institution of higher education, shall establish a policy for granting undergraduate general education the satisfaction of course credit to any entering student who has successfully completed a dual enrollment course or other academic requirements through the successful completion of universal transfer courses by entering students. The policy shall:

1. Outline the conditions necessary for each public institution of higher education to grant general education course credit for the successful completion of a dual enrollment course;

2. Identify the general education course credit or other academic requirements of each public institution of higher education that the student satisfies by successfully completing a dual enrollment universal transfer course; and

3. Ensure, to the extent possible, that the grant satisfaction of general education course credit or other academic requirements is consistent across each public institution of higher education and each such dual enrollment universal transfer course.

C. The Council and each public institution of higher education shall make the universal transfer course credit policy established pursuant to subsection B available to the public on their websites.

D. The Council shall annually report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health on the implementation of the universal transfer course credit policy by each public institution of higher education.